

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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### ***GROUNDWATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT OUTLINE – Grassland Drainage Area Steering Committee***

Thank you for the timely submittal of the 20 October 2015 outline for the Grassland Drainage Area Steering Committee's (Steering Committee) Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR). The proposed GAR outline was submitted as required by the Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers in the Grassland Drainage Area Order R5-2015-0095 (Order).

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the GAR outline, data sources and the preliminary bibliography. The Steering Committee has identified a number of key information and data sources; it is understood that the list of information sources will evolve during the preparation of the GAR. As noted in the attached memorandum, staff determined that the proposed GAR outline meets the requirements described in Attachment B to the Order, Section III.A.

We appreciate the Steering Committee's interest in working closely with the Central Valley Water Board as the methodologies to be applied and the data sources to be used in the preparation of the GAR are developed. The thoroughness and detail of the proposed GAR outline, as well as the Steering Committee's willingness to provide other stakeholders with updates on the progress in the implementation of the Order, are commendable. We look forward to an ongoing productive dialogue during the process of the GAR development and the receipt of the Steering Committee's Groundwater Quality Assessment Report by 31 July 2016.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the review, or need any further information, please contact Ashley Shaddy at [Ashley.Shaddy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Ashley.Shaddy@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at 916-464-4857.

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Enclosures: Staff Review of Grassland Drainage Area Steering Committee GAR Outline

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